
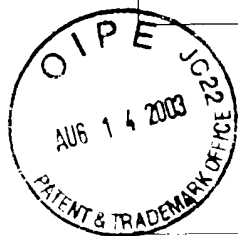


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 8, 2003 (Paper No. 11) for which a response is due on July 8, 2003. A petition and fee for a two-month extension of time is enclosed herewith, extending the time for response from July 8, 2003 to September 8, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.